PROFESSOR HIGGINS CHINESE TIME TRAVEL ADVENTURE

PART ONE

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AT CANDEREL UNIVERSITY.....Professor Higgins finishes his PowerPoint presentation in front of his class and steps down onto a royal blue tiled carpet and stands in front of students sitting before him in a gallery of maroon velvet fold up seats .

HIGGINS I've posted applications for a time travel adventure to ancient China on, university notice boards around the fraternity campus and expect five volunteers.Think hard because we could be entering a dangerous area ,of warlords and samurai warriors.

STEVE JOHNSON After our successful adventure in Elizabethan England, you can count on us Professor .

HYACINTH WALKER And our meeting with Archimedes the astronomer royal and scientists at the London Palladium.

HIGGINS The university can't ensure for a dangerous adventure in time, you'll come
at your own risk.

CALEB WEST OH..ER, COULD BE DANGEROUS.

HYACYNTH WALKER I'll check out costumes of people at the time ,of ancient earth and ask the drama and arts departments to make authentic clothes.

HIGGINS I'll have all your essays in tomorrow and applications for a time travel adventure class dismissed .
All students get off their maroon velvet fold up seats and across a royal blue tiled carpet into a wide red and white corridor leading to the lobby of the university .
As they leave the glass fronted building ,some of the students catch HIGGINS, along a paved path through a small forest of Dutch elm trees ,on his way to PRIDONIAN residency.
WEST It would help professor if we knew what you were trying to achieve.
JOHNSON If not to upgrade your history records ?
They leave the Dutch elm forest and walk up to PRIDONIAN residency across a maroon tiled carpet to a travel tube taking him to his apartment.
SUSAN MENDEZ So you believe there was a time machine in ancient China, is that right professor?
HIGGINS I intend to go back in time to investigate my time travel belt, the blueprint for which I've found on a MING VASE at the British Museum in 1965 and may be inaccurate.
MENDEZ Speak to you all tomorrow HIGGINS..
He accepts a lime juice cordial from his maintenance robot V93 and walks across a Persian rug collapsing until a beige corduroy sofa .
HIGGINS V93 can you run my bath?
The V-O-C robot walks across the black and white tiles living room. it's pneumatic legs making a squelching slapping sound on the stone floor.
HIGGINS uses an intercom to call the palace and is answered by LOFTY .
LOFTY You packed in ready for your time travel adventure ?
HIGGINS Yes I've asked for volunteers from my students.
LOFTY Your mission could affect the future of the entire federation.
HIGGINS I'm to find the source of my time travel belt, the blueprints which I found in a MING vase in the British museum in 1965..
LOFTY The science department say GUARDIANS OF FOREVER used load stones mapped onto the core of the planet.
RUBY And the guild of MASTER BUILDERS say they made original buildings where they found a source of igneous rock that could help support a large house .

HIGGINS And the GUARDIANS OF FOREVER are believed to have left the universe when it was young millions of years ago.
LOFTY To allow the younger races to come up without their interference, that's what we've come up with from the limited interface with the gate in the ancient city . But our technicians have not managed to reproduce the technology.
HIGGINS The old race might have gone to another realm, leaving an Interface that could be a network of sentient computers to guide us .
SAPHIRE And the guild of MASTER BUILDERS say they were the first to build high rise buildings using these igneous rocks and load stones .
LOFTY Your mission HIGGINS is to find any evidence of a TIME-TRAVEL machine in ancient CHINA .
HIGGINS And bring back all the data to help your quest to bring earth into the GALACTIC FEDERATION .
LOFTY I'll assign you five adjudicators REMUS, RELL, HARRIET, and SLOAN .Try not to be captured and killed by barbarian warlords. It just so happens that even though I've averted a major war of the empires and the space raiders I'd like to speed up the timeline of the SOL3 or earth as they call it.
HIGGINS The best course of action would be to go back in time and speak to Peter Elgin of global chemicals around the time of the third millennium.
LOFTY Professor Higgins assemble your team and I'll meet you at the ancient city so you can start your Chinese time travel adventure.
HIGGINS starts his day with a cinnamon bagel and an earl gray tea, and uses an intercom to call Susan Mendez at her apartment.
HIGGINS Meet the team downstairs .
He then gets off a maroon corduroy sofa and walks across a persian rug to the metal booth and orders a travel tube. The team are assembled in the lobby of PRIDONIAN RESIDENCY and walk across a blue tile carpet and down the steps to a central plaza where adjudicators are waiting in their familiar blood red uniform with silver moon boots and flowing white cape.
RELL Equipment has been sent on to the ancient city.
They walk over to the plastic carriages of a travel tube and clamber in, RELL starts the train ,which picks up speed through a tropical garden then through the dense woodland of a Dutch Elm forest.
Using the INTERCOM between the resin cartridges ,HIGGINS

regails them with tales of his previous adventures .
HIGGINS The blueprint for my travel belt was found on an ancient ming vase at the British museum back in 1965.
MENDEZ You must tell us about that one day .
HIGGINS First me and PICKERING averted the second world war, then we saved the Queen of England when she was captured by supporters of Queen Mary and sentenced to be executed in the tower of London. At that stage lady Jane and PICKERING were transported to our future and he convinced me to come along with her.
The train comes out of a dutch elm forest and through grasslands into the ancient city, through a sandstone perimeter wall with sandstone pyramids on its corners and stops in the center surrounded by ancient buildings. Ground cars are parked in front of a 12 foot high vertical stone gate on a raised stage and Voc robots are unloading cargo from the black of the train.
The team clamber out and walk over a paved central plaza where king lofty and his party are waiting.
LOFTY Already for an exciting adventure in ancient China.
MAXELL You'll be given the latest tri-corders that can decipher ancient script and universal translators for humans you encounter that don't speak English.
RAVEN Changing rooms to your right where we have wooden and leather clothing in a Chinese style .
All the time team walk over to changing rooms to change into authentic costumes for the adventure while VOC robots assemble kits near the time gate .
LOFTY I'll be on Blue channel till 0800 .
MAXELL And I'll have plenty of adjudicators kitted out in case of emergency ready for battle, I'll recall them from the farthest far flung reaches the galaxy if I have to.
STENTON RELL I'll have accurate Crossbows from the armory.
SLOAN Should give us enough firepower for ancient earth, our plasma riffles will run out of juice.
TECHNICIAN POTASIUM I'll be joining MAXELL and giving you technical support .
STENTON RELL The wrist communicators give us two-way comm, via the guardians of forever time gate .
LOFTY The high council advises not to change history too much.
TECHNICIAN POTASIUM We still can't decipher this mechanism left by the GUARDIANS OF FOREVER .

LOFTY I would like a working time machine if I'm going to bring the earth people into the galactic federation that we can use independently of the GUARDIANS OF FOREVER .
HIGGINS Who at the moment have dual control on our time travel I may have left the universe a very long time ago.
LOFTY So that the younger race can grow and develop.
He leaves the changing room with his team and walks back to stand in front of the stone archway .
Dressed in leather and woolen garments they start picking up their kits, utility belts and satchels .
LOFTY If you find the time gate remember to give them a deal, to become associate members of the galactic federation .
Science officer POTASSIUM steps up to a waste high console, and programs coordinates of ancient China .
MAXELL These Bracelets have a fast recall and will bring you back here. I'll be on station in the war rooms and can offer logistical support.
The GUARDIANS OF FOREVER time gate powers up creating a rippling pool at its centre with many images from ancient earth .
LOFTY If you can make peace with the warlords of ancient China, open a galactic embassy. check in every 10 minutes I'll monitor you from the palace either be me, RUBY or SAPPHIRE .
Lofty clampers into the train with RUBY, SAPHIRE and MAXELL and some V-O-C robots in another carriage.
POTASSIUM programmes in coordinates and the gate illuminates with images of ancient earth, the whole team step through the time-gate .
They are ejected onto the rocks of a mountain with a strong gail forcing them to cling on a ledge.
STENTON RELL Are charming spot you picked HIGGINS we could have all fall into our deaths.
HIGGINS It's no use blaming me I didn't program the time game, it was technician potassium.
Across the horizon they see mountain peaks.
SLOAN I found a path leading down to the dense jungle if you'd like to follow me.
RELL REMUS bring luggage form the rear helping students battle the elements .
They make their way down the mountainside on a narrow path with rocky crags and boulders towards the dense forest undergrowth .
CALEB WEST While studying the history books last night I

found a series of conquests leading to unification of China around the time of the third century AD.
SUSAN MENDEZ What I saw with a series of conquests,Buddhism being the dominant religion ratified by the moral code of confusionism.
JOHNSON Leading to unification of China around the time of the third century AD with the JIN DYNASTY.
HYACYNTH WALKER I'll compare society and find out if Buddhism and confusionism were as popular in ancient Chinese society .
RELL Keep your tri-corder handy in case we run into some locals.
At the base of the mountain they walk through wild grasslands and come out into deep marshlands where villages in basic woolen garments collecting rice and fish from the stream .Caleb and Johnson run forward and activate universal translators .
CALEB Hello we're from far-way land you take us to your leader ?
JOHNSON We're looking for EMPEROR HEROHETO.
LEE HONORABLE CHANG is mayor of our village, he trades with HEROHETO.
WALKER We've come to the right place then?
HIGGINS wades through the reeds and water plants knee high in the marshlands of the rice fields, joining LEE, CALEB, JOHNSON, with the KALDOR POLICE reaching a stall of farm workers straining rice.
STENTON RELL retrieves some maps from this satchel .
RELL Comparing that mountain range to our marshlands I'd say that we were here.LEE can you point on the map ?
The time travellers follow the farmers out of the rice paddies across some flatlands into a basic village ,brick buildings and small group of villages of all ages .
They go through the one Street until they get to a double size single story huts with a thatched roof and the headman of the village comes out with a wicker basket on his head wearing a serong and flip-flop sandals.
RELL Are you in charge here?
CHANG I am honourable chang leader of this Village how can I help you.
RELL speaks into his wrist communicator MAXELL have you got a fix on us now ?
MAXELL The mountains and peeking 20 miles to the left I've

got your exact space time coordinates to technician potassium.
RELL So you're in charge.HERE?
HYOCYNTH WALKER We're looking for an ancient temple with these markings.
HIGGINS retrieves blueprints for his time machine from his satchel and shows Chang.
HONORABLE CHANG I've heard of this temple near the palace of EMPEROR HEROHETO. We've never left our village and his men come here to trade .
SUSAN MENDEZ Gets out her universal translator.
MENDEZ Honourable Chang, And what makes you so honorable ?
CHANG The emperor bestowed it on me and comes regularly with his men to go through to the geisha house and trade with the village .
CHANG indicates a series of huts like seaside changing rooms with different colors decorated with flowers.
CHANG The emperor he rides in and chooses one of these , huts and GYSHER, who finish working the rice paddies and marshlands.
STENTON RELL That doesn't make you honourable Chen that makes you a criminal, selling your children to become the head man really .
CHANG Is traditional honourable RELL.
SLOAN If I find out you're selling your children to slavery I'm not that honorable .
RELL Men spread out and search the village .
CHANG's wife LING comes out of the one story hut with a scroll in a blue picture holder and proceeds to unravel an embroidered in coloured threads by villagers.
And all the men get around a lectern as CHANG reveals a certificate of authenticity with the wax seal of HIROHETO.
RELL Have you studied Buddhism and confusionism.?
CHANG We live our lives in the traditions of air forefathers .
MENDEZ finishes her tour of the village and retrieves her TRI-CORDER from her utility belt and walks up behind CHANG.
CHANG CONFUSIAS says honour parents .
MENDEZ And take two bottles into the shower so that you can wash and go.
HIGGINS Then we'll go to the palace of HIROHETO.
RELL speaks into his wrist communicator to call on the WAR ROOM on KALDOR,

RELL Strong lead on the time machine ,send reinforcements and put me through to POTASIUM over the Prometheus residency.

on the shores of CANDEREL.
Potassium walks across a Persian rug and sits on a mauve corduroy sofa and activates an INTERCOM .
POTASIUM How are you doing RELL?
RELL What do you mean setting us down on the mountain side? I had to stop MENDEZ from being blown off and falling to a watery grave.
MENDEZ Or into a Dutch elm forest at the foot of the mountain.
POTASSIUM SORRY, the time gate of the GUARDIANS OF FOREVER can't be that accurate.
RELL That's part of our mission ,helping earth into the GALACTIC FEDERATION I know but even Higgins and Caleb West were nearly blown off into dutch elm forrest at the base of the mountain .Can you put me through to technician LAGO in the industrial unit of KALDOR CITY.

LAGO Yes RELL what do you need for another of your daring missions in time and space ?
RELL You know you provide me with his latest gadgets. Cut the snide LAGO, armory with crossbows accurate kill at 20 paces.
LAGO I have the design on my database. I just send it to the assembly plants and then zap it over to technician POTASSIUM.
LAGO uses an intercom back to POTASSIUM.
POTASSIUM I've a fix on you now ready to send all the equipment through .
MENDEZ That will include some crystal desalinators which will provide drinking water and some all terrain kit cars that are self-assembly .
RELL Then I have four V-O-C drivers under my command, not SV7. He always answers back just the v35 and v36.
JOHNSON It seems we're spending the night in a JIN village.
RELL What like where they drink GORDONS & TONIC ?.
HIGGINS No RELL, that's not where they drink Gordon's and tonic, a series of villages JIN set up in the third century AD when JIN unified China after battles of the 16 kingdoms of the 35th chamber.
The students and KALDOR POLICE spread out around the village watching them prepare meals of fish and rice .Susan MENDEZ finishes her inspection of the village and then comes up back to RELL with adjudicator SLOAN.
JOHNSON And I presume you and your men,are choosing a GESHUR girl and spending the night in one of these seaside chalets with the geisha's of the town.
HIGGINS And he calls himself the HONORABLE CHANG,Despicable the man's a bare face Charlottan,
MENDEZ I'm spending the night with honorable CHANG'S son.
Susan MENDEZ uses her wrist communicator to call MAXELL in the WAR ROOM.
MENDEZ Can you get some laminated brochures so I can pin them and share them around the village ?
HONORABLE CHANG The holy BUDDA Says that we're all reincarnated into the animal according to our place during life .
LING Yes it's similar with Hinduism , they think that you transcend to other planets.
HIGGINS And then they get confused and say that you can be reincarnated as a higher human .The humans are the top of the

totem pole and you can't get higher than a human.
CHANG Maybe so but honorable CHANG maintains the pig regenerates into a fish .
JOHNSON It could be a small guppy in a tropical fish tank or a macro fish swimming in that river stream.
HIGGINS i'd rather be a DOLPHIN than a GUPPIE in a stale puddle of water.
MENDEZ Laminated brochures and put in some confusionism, that helps, construction work site managers normally like that.
RELL CONFUSSIONISM like you get on the normal building sites after your CSCS health & safety test .
LAGO Well I've just sent you the crossbows that can kill a man at 20 paces. What do you want next?
MENDEZ If you can send some of those fish tanks were issuing to KALDOR citizens for sustainable fish stocks?
WEST With CRYSTAL BYSEPHALUS desalinators for the oceans and river streams and some technicians to work on it .
CALEB There'll be plenty of fish to go with the rice meals this village is harvesting out in the marshlands and rice paddies .
RELL And we can also negotiate from a positional strength if emperor HIROHETO's band of warriors comes to the village.
LATER ON..... As the sun sets Across The Horizon the villages present the adjudicators and the students with geisha girls who lead them into the seaside huts decorated and embroidered with flowers.
RELL greets the fresh morning when he leaves the canvas hut which he shared with a geisha girl of the village .He trudges along a dirt road while using his wrist communicator to call on MAXELL in the WAR-ROOM.
RELL Ask potassium to send the equipment and V-O-C to these coordinates .
He walks through the village as town's folk are starting their day greeting his other officers and students.
SUSAN MENDEZ comes out the Beach hut followed by honourable Chang's son who makes a bee line for the washrooms.
RELL reaches the perimeter of the town near some sandstone boulders he notices the air shimmer in many blue pastels crystal shades and V-O-C robots dressed in their light green fibre costume walk out followed by equipment on faulk lift trucks on blue pallets. The V-O-C dismount the forklift trucks .
RELL If you start assembling the cheap plastic all-terrain vehicles and do pre-flight checks, you'll be driving .
V36 First master LANDERCHILD has advised us that our

docking stations are working where we're going to be making the ships log and we're going to be recording the adventure for CARNEL'S Department.
RELL Thank you v36 prime remember your prime directive is that humans are more important.
V35 We can only record The Journey under your orders.
RELL EXACTLY. There's no satellite navigation so you're going to have to fly them on manual and use these maps. Luckily there's only one main road out of here on a direct course to PEKING to the northeast of this village.
RELL walks back through the sandstown boulders as HIGGINS is at the tea urn having a Darjeeling and a cinnamon bagel with HYACYNTH WALKER.
RELL Sorry to break up your breakfast SLOAN and you'll have to join the V-O-C and get some desalinators to take down to the rice paddy near their marshlands.
SLOAN To purify and desalinate water to help increase the yield.
All the students say goodbye to the villages leaving HYACYNTH WALKER to show them how to use the crystal busephalus desalinators and two V-O-C to take them down through the marshlands and help them in the rice paddies.
They clamber into the range rovers and gun the engines heading towards the city of Beijing to the North East.
V36 It's a straight road COMMANDER should take about an hour.
RELL Have you thought of a plan, for when we meet the landlord I believe his name is EMPEROR HEROHETO.
CALEB Don't worry RELL, SUSAN convinced honourable CHANG'S son to get his father to make a scroll offering us unrestricted passage throughout the land.
MENDEZ Yeah the poor boy was like putty in my hands.
She produces a scroll from her satchel in a document wallet with a wax seal of honorable Chang.
In Remus all terrain vehicle STENTAN RELL gets a call on the inbuilt intercom unit from v35.
V35 There are a group of men on horseback coming along the road at high speed so power down the vehicle.
CALEB All V-O-C go to defense alert.
RELL No CALEB, BELAY THAT ORDER V36.
JOHNSON They won't have to, show them MENZIES.
MENZIES I've got this certificate from honorable CHANG, with

a request to see the emperor.
The two all-terrain vehicles Romulus and Remus power down across the road and RELL scans the horizon where he sees men on horseback riding towards them .
Everyone clambers out of ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES and Caleb and Johnson run into the Dutch elm forest to relieve themselves.
MENZES goes to the other side of the road into the Dutch elm forest to powder her nose, and then unpack some crossbows and aim at the samurai warriors.
Caleb and Johnson come out of the Dutch elm forest holding their tri-corders to join RAVEN and SLOAN.
The leader of the samurai warriors dismounts, ordering his men to do so for gentlemen's ablutions of the Dutch elm forest either side of the main path going into Beijing capital city of China.
Menzies puts the crossbow at the base of a Dutch elm tree and walks out into the road holding her tri-corder in front of her, giving an instant universal translator to the dialogue.
KATO This area is under my jurisdiction. Who are you ?
All KATO'S samurai warriors fanouts along the path brandishing samurai swords .Higgins retrieves his letter of authority from his brown leather satchel and walks through the samurai warriors giving the embroidered scroll with a wax seal of honourable Chang from the fishing village to sir lancelot samurai warrior.
One of the samurai warriors inspects the V-O-C robots .
MELKOR What is this creature and my dreaming ?
CALEB They work for us. I'll explain later .
KATO takes the scroll out of the embroidered tube and looks.
KATO Follow me to the palace of emperor HEROHETO.
The whole party clamber into ROMULAS and REMUS all terrain vehicles that follow the samurai warriors on horseback into the city of PEAKING ,out of a dutch elm forest and across a grassland plain ,then through the sandstone wall surrounding PEAKING, capital city of CHINA .
Many citizens dressed in kimonos and straw hats are going about their daily chores as the time travelers make a bee line for the palace.
The palace is white marble and stands next to a golden temple with a courtyard where Chinese fighting dragons exercise and demonstrate to a crowd of eager spectators .
The horses ride into the courtyard and dismount at stables ,the samurai warriors dismount and give the reigns to stable hands and farriers who lead their horses to water troughs.

Romulus and Remus park at the foot of the temple. RELL and his adjudicators clamber out followed by HIGGINS, CALEB, and JOHNSON and escorted across central plaza through the Roman columns across a green laminated floor into the palace.They traverse a maroon marble floor past tapestries on stone cladding to the throne room where emperor HEROHETO and his court are sitting on scatter cushions and chrome and wicker chairs, near a throne of carved dutch elm upholstered with fine embroidery.
The whole party is served by NANU NANU SESCA WOMEN in belly dancers costumes.
Samurai warriors go through across the green laminated floor just to sit on throw cushions and you waited on by no no no no seska women in belly dancers costume has keto leads rail and Higgins to the throat of the emperor
Higgins passes the letter written by Chang granting Higgins an audience.
Herohito in a gold bathroom examines the letter written by Chang and rail retrieves his universal translator from his jacket pocket and places it on the steps leading up to the throat.
Emperor we come from a far away land bearing gifts
JOHNSON Yes, cucumber sandwiches.
HIGGINS I would like access to the golden temple at the heart of Peking. I have evidence that it might have been a time space machine built by a race of space explorers.
HIGGINS retrieves a laminated brochure from his satchel and shows KATO the design of the Ming.
HIGGINS I borrowed this from the curator of the British museum near oxford street ,LONDON 1965, and used the inscription to make a small time travel device.After some trial jumps in time using AA batteries, having limited power and range.
RELL and I am working for the galactic federation in the far future from where we come from.
HEROHETO You hear that KATO they say they're time travelers.
KATO Will the Chinese take over the whole world in the future.?
HIGGINS Yes but they'll have to share it with western society.
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